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- [X] 1 Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b)  
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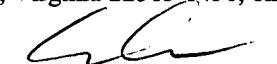
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